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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN AND AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN NON-ALIGNED
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REF: A. BUCHAREST 3390 B. USUN 3721 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMAT AND
OFFICIAL OF FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (FSFA)
INDICATE THAT AUSTRALIA IS LIKELY TO OBTAIN "GUEST" STATUS AT
LIMA MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED STATES THIS MONTH, BUT THAT
ROMANIA'S ACCEPTANCE IS IN DOUBT. YUGOSLAVIA IS ASSISTING BOTH
AUSTRALIA AND ROMANIA. END SUMMARY.

2. ROMANIA. AFTER DEBATE WITHIN FSFA OVER NATURE OF NON-
ALIGNMENT, YUGOSLAVS HAVE CHAMPIONED ROMANIA'S PARTICIPATION IN
MOVEMENT AS "GUEST" RATHER THAN "OBSERVER" CATEGORY FOR WHICH
ROMANIANS HAVE APPLIED. TITO HIMSELF FAVORS USE OF RELATIVELY
BROAD CRITERIA FOR ACCORDING GUEST STATUS. YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL WAS
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ROMANIA'S CHANCES FOR ACCEPTANCE IN GUEST STATUS.

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AUSTRALIAN, HOWEVER, DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ROMANIA WILL SUCCEED AT

THIS TIME. HE SAID THAT ROMANIA IS CLEARLY UNQUALIFIED FOR OBSERVER STATUS BECAUSE OF WARSAW PACT MEMBERSHIP AND THAT SOVIETS ARE LEADING STRONG CAMPAIGN TO KEEP ROMANIA OUT OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT ALTOGETHER.

3. AUSTRALIA. AUSTRALIAN EXPECTS HIS COUNTRY WILL RECEIVE GUEST STATUS AT LIMA. YUGOSLAVIA HAS PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN HELPING AUSTRALIANS TO ASSOCIATE WITH MOVEMENT. INDIA WAS MAIN OPPONENT, BUT WILL NOW SUPPORT AUSTRALIA AS GUEST. AUSTRALIAN SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY STARTED TO MOVE TOWARD NON-ALIGNED IN 1971 AND PROBABLY WOULD HAVE ASSOCIATED FORMALLY BEFORE THIS EXCEPT THAT WHITLAM GOVERNMENT TOOK SOME TIME TO PREPARE ITSELF TO ACT ON ISSUE. AUSTRALIANS ARE NOT INTERESTED IN OBSERVER STATUS BECAUSE OF IMPLICATION THAT OBSERVER

WILL SOON QUALIFY FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP. AUSTRALIA HAS MADE IT PLAIN TO NON-ALIGNED THAT IT HAS NO INTENTION OF WITHDRAWING FROM ANZUS PACT AND THAT IT THEREFORE COULD NOT QUALIFY AS FULL MEMBER. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ENDORSE NON-ALIGNED ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL AND IS SOMEWHAT UNEASY ABOUT ASSOCIATING WITH NON-ALIGNED STATES AT THIS TIME.

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